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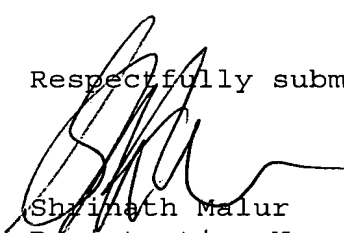
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 9, 2004, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, including claims 1-12. This election is made with traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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